

Wednesday 8 December 2021

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Redress Scheme

**followed by** Urgent Question: Michael Marra - To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to restore power to households experiencing power cuts following Storm Barra.

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Loves Local

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-01675 Graham Simpson: East Kilbride Rail Line Dualling

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

**9:30am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

**9:30am** Education, Children and Young People Committee

**10:00am** Criminal Justice Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration was given to increasing the maximum spend on both long and short campaigns for the forthcoming Scottish local council elections in May 2022. ([S6O-00490](#))
- 2. Paul O'Kane:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the Omicron variant on the implementation of its COVID-19 recovery strategy. ([S6O-00491](#))
- 3. Jim Fairlie:** To ask the Scottish Government how its coordination of COVID-19 policies can ensure people living in Perthshire South and Kinross-shire are supported through the recovery from the pandemic. ([S6O-00492](#))
- 4. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government when ministers last met with key stakeholders, including business owners, to discuss the COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme. ([S6O-00493](#))
- 5. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government how its policies across government will support island communities to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-00494](#))
- 6. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government how its policies and actions across government will support Dumfries and Galloway and the Scottish Borders to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-00495](#))
- 7. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how its policies across government will support families on low incomes to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-00496](#))
- 8. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government how its policies across government will support the north east's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-00497](#))

#### Net Zero, Energy and Transport

- 1. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report, *A Vision for Scotland's Railways*, produced for Scotland's rail unions. ([S6O-00498](#))
- 2. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Falkirk Council to discuss public transport and connectivity within the rural areas of the Falkirk East constituency, and what was discussed. ([S6O-00499](#))
- 3. Joe FitzPatrick:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its pilots to provide free bicycles for school-age children. ([S6O-00500](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to people in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency who are in fuel poverty. ([S6O-00501](#))
- 5. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve road safety on the trunk road network. ([S6O-00502](#))
- 6. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in 2021 to adopt greener bus transport across Scotland. ([S6O-00503](#))
- 7. Bob Doris:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-00504](#))

**8. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support the energy sector in the West Scotland region. ([S6O-00505](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Redress Scheme**

**followed by Urgent Question: Michael Marra - To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to restore power to households experiencing power cuts following Storm Barra.**

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Loves Local**

**[S6M-02442](#) Tom Arthur: Scotland Loves Local**—That the Parliament supports the ambition to love local and enable people to live well in their communities by encouraging people to think and choose local, supporting local businesses and jobs and building community wealth; commends the efforts of communities since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in working together to support each other and local businesses; congratulates the winners of the Scotland Loves Local awards announced in November 2021, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitments on 20-minute neighbourhoods, the transformation of safe spaces for walking, wheeling and cycling, a just transition to net zero, an inclusive wellbeing economy, tackling inequality, and community-led regeneration.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-02442.2](#) Douglas Lumsden: Scotland Loves Local**—As an amendment to motion S6M-02442 in the name of Tom Arthur (Scotland Loves Local), leave out from “and welcomes” to end and insert “; notes with concern Scottish Retail Consortium figures, which indicate that footfall for November 2021 was down by a fifth from November 2019; recognises, however, that Scotland's high streets and town centres were struggling long before the COVID-19 pandemic began, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver a budget on 9 December for 2022-23 that will drive local recovery by extending 75% non-domestic rates relief to retail, leisure, newspaper and hospitality businesses, and deliver a fair funding settlement to local authorities, so that they can properly invest in regenerating and supporting high streets and town centres.”

**[S6M-02442.1](#) Colin Smyth: Scotland Loves Local**—As an amendment to motion S6M-02442 in the name of Tom Arthur (Scotland Loves Local), insert at end “; recognises that local businesses will play a key role in Scotland's wider economic recovery but that, after months of closures and restrictions, many businesses still face an uncertain future; believes that, consequently, further support is needed in order to sustain and boost our town centres, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to extend the 50% rates relief, which is available in England for retail, hospitality and leisure sectors, to these businesses in Scotland so they are given equal support on their road to recovery, and to produce a £50 high street voucher to provide a cash stimulus for these businesses and encourage footfall in local communities.”

**followed by Business Motions**

**[S6M-02464](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 December 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Actions to increase access, choice and support through drugs services in Scotland

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels Statistics

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 December 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Shaping Parliamentary Procedures and Practices for the Future

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 December 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy; Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 23 December 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 December 2021, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-02465](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Independent Reviewer (Modification of Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-02466](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-02467](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Payments Materially Affected by Error) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

**[S6M-01675](#) Graham Simpson: East Kilbride Rail Line Dualling**—That the Parliament notes the reported announcement by Transport Scotland that the single track part of the rail line between East Kilbride and Glasgow is not now going to be dualled as, it understands, had previously been promised, and that the money will be spent elsewhere; sees this is a missed opportunity to persuade more people to travel by train; notes the view that improving public transport connections is vital if Scotland is to achieve a shift away from cars, and further notes calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider what it believes to be this short-sighted move.

## Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

### Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 14th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- Climate and nature emergencies:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Sir Dieter Helm, Professor of Economic Policy, Oxford University;  
and then from—  
Ian Dickie, Director, eftec (Economics for the Environment);  
Eilidh Mactaggart, Chief Executive, Scottish National Investment Bank;  
Jo Pike, Chief Executive, Scottish Wildlife Trust;  
Dr Pat Snowdon, Head of Economics and Woodland Carbon Code, Scottish Forestry.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Private Storage Aid Scheme \(Pigmeat\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/398)
- Climate and nature emergencies (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard at this, and previous, meetings.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will review its work programme.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 14th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- Scotland's supply chain:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Gordon Banks, Managing Director, Cartmore Building Suppliers;  
Stephen Good, Chief Executive, Construction Scotland Innovation Centre;  
Bill Ireland, Chief Executive Director, Logan Energy;  
Stephen Kemp, Board Member, Scottish Building Federation.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Public Procurement \(Agreement on Government Procurement\) \(Thresholds etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#)
- Evidence Session** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Education, Children and Young People Committee 12th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications for Removal from List and Late Representations) Amendment Regulations 2021 from—  
Clare Haughey MSP, Minister for Children and Young People, Scottish Government;  
Lynne McMinn, Director of Policy, Customer Engagement and Communications, and  
Rachel McLean, Disclosure (Scotland) Act Implementation Manger, Disclosure Scotland;  
Denise McKay, Deputy Director, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Oliver Mundell to move—S6M- 02353—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications for Removal from List and Late Representations) Amendment Regulations 2021 be annulled.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—SSI 2021/380 [Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provision\) Regulations 2021](#)
4. **Skills: Alignment with Business Needs:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Leon Thompson, Executive Director, Scotland, UK Hospitality;  
Paul Mitchell, Head of Employment Affairs, Scottish Building Federation;  
and then from—  
Professor Mark Logan, Professor in Practice, School of Computing Science, Glasgow University;  
Dr Natalie Coull, Head of Cyber Security, School of Design and Informatics, Abertay University;  
Karen Meechan, Chief Executive Officer, and Nicola Taylor, Head of Operations and Skills, ScotlandIS.
5. **Evidence Session** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4

### Criminal Justice Committee 13th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **What now for the prosecution of violence against women and girls?:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
David Fraser, Executive Director Court Operations, and Danielle McLaughlin, Head of the Lord Justice Clerk's Review Implementation, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service.
3. **What now for the prosecution of violence against women and girls?:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Roundtable evidence sessions (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.



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